

6-30-1975

Administrative Notes, June 30th, 1975

University of Texas at Tyler

TYLER STATE COLLEGE

100 E. BERTA

TYLER, TEXAS 75701

June 30, 1975

TELEPHONE 214 595-0711

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

To: Board of Regents, Tyler State College
From: James H. Stewart, Jr.
Subject: Administrative Notes

I. Governor's Veto of Library Construction and Moving Funds

Last week I stated that more information should be available within a few days which would assist us in understanding Governor Dolph Briscoe's veto of our library construction funds. The information which I received from the newspaper on Saturday night, June 21, 1975, relating to the Governor vetoing our construction funds because approval from the Coordinating Board was not obtained was erroneous as I expected. His veto of items that had not been approved by the Coordinating Board related to numerous other Appropriations Bill items for several institutions of higher learning in the state.

The actual circumstance covering the veto of our library funds is that the Governor simply line item vetoed this portion of our request. Also upon receiving the official report, I learned that in the same manner he vetoed the \$15,000 item contained in our request for moving expenses. Both these items were vetoed under his authority as Governor of our state and had nothing to do with lack of Coordinating Board approval. The complete language used by the Governor pursuant to the veto of our library funds (Item 8b) and for moving expenses to the new campus (Item 9a) follows:

Item 8b -

House Bill 139, Acts of the Sixty-third Legislature, Regular Session, provided a biennial appropriation of \$9,130,962 "for construction site development, capital outlay and architectural and engineering fees and services." In addition to these construction projects, Senate Bill 52 provides \$3,041,947 for completion of the School of Science and Mathematics Building and \$3,235,701 for a School of Business Building. With the authorization of these two buildings and the completion of the construction program authorized by the Sixty-third Legislature, adequate facilities should be available to meet the projected student enrollment at Texas Eastern University. Future space needs of this upper level

institution can then be evaluated during the next budgetary process. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

Item 9a -

Sufficient funds are available in other items of appropriation for this purpose. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

II. Lawsuit Filed by the Allen M. Campbell Company Against Tyler State College

On Thursday morning, June 26, 1975, I was served with a citation by the Smith County Sheriff's Office to which was attached a petition which brings suit against Tyler State College by the Allen M. Campbell Company. On the same day I received through the mail a letter from F. Wilbert Lasater, who represents the Campbell Company, to which was also attached a copy of the petition. The same day I wrote the Honorable John L. Hill, attorney general of Texas, advising him of this legal action and requesting that he initiate appropriate legal assistance to us relative to this matter. Of course, I consulted with Legal Committee Chairman Robert G. Schleier about this entire situation.

The materials related to the lawsuit are self-explanatory and therefore each of the items pertaining thereto are attached for your information. Included in these materials are a copy of the front and back of the citation, the petition, the letter from F. Wilbert Lasater, and my letter to Attorney General John L. Hill.

III. Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents

The agenda for the regular quarterly meeting of the board of regents scheduled for July 9, 1975 will be mailed Wednesday of this week (July 2, 1975). However, I wish to remind you that Chairman C. Quentin Abernathy has scheduled board committee meetings at 1:15 p.m. preceding the 2:00 p.m. meeting of the board.

IV. New Vice President for Academic Affairs Begins Duties

Even though Dr. Donald M. Anthony's official reporting date is tomorrow, July 1, 1975, he has chosen to begin his work today and we all welcome him to Tyler State College/Texas Eastern University enthusiastically. His contributions to the institution will be very significant.

V. Association of Upper Level Colleges and Universities Directory

I received several copies of the 1975 Directory of the Association of Upper Level Colleges and Universities of the United States and enclose a copy of this publication for the information of each member of the board.

VI. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from our Director of Physical Plant and Resident Engineer for the week ending June 27, 1975.

JHS:rc

Attachments

Enclosure